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2. Precautions against Epidemic in Tientsin

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1.

there were cases of smallpox and typhus in Nant'a (南塔), a suburb of Mukden, Hunhop'u (123-26, 41-44), and Ch'ienchinghai (123-52, 41-51); and cases of plague at Nanfen (123-45, 41-06), Fengch'eng (124-05, 40-28), Antung, and along the railroad from Mukden to Antung.

2.

beginning 8 March trains from Mukden to Dairen would not proceed south of Hsiungyueh-ch'eng (122-08, 40-10) and that trains from Mukden to Antung will be for military use only.

3.

Between 16 January and 15 March 876 persons in Canton have died of bubonic plague. Canton City Hospital, Fang Pien Hospital, and the Red Cross Hospital on Honam are unable to take care of the epidemic. This is the first bubonic plague epidemic in Canton for forty years.

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4. In Tientsin in early March anti-epidemic units were conducting inspections of health conditions in every home and shop and innoculating the populace against typhoid, smallpox, and diphtheria. Residents have been instructed to use phenol and fresh lime to disinfect their homes. As a result of the sudden demand for phenol the price in Tientsin has tripled. Tientsin has stopped selling joint railway transportation beyond Mukden.
5. Vegetables and fruit from Manchuria are no longer being shipped south of Shanhaikuan.
6. The Tientsin newspapers have been carrying daily accounts of American germ warfare, urging Tientsin college students to go to Manchuria to help fight the spread of epidemics. According to the press Mukden Medical College students are doing this.

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